

**MEDICAL LICENSING BOARD OF INDIANA
INDIANA GOVERNMENT CENTER SOUTH
402 WEST WASHINGTON STREET
ROOM W064
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204**

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2006

N. Stacy Lankford, M.D., President called the meeting to order at 8:25 a.m. and declared a quorum in accordance with IC 25-22.5.

Members Present: N. Stacy Lankford, M.D., President
Worthe Holt, Jr., M.D., Vice President
(arrived at 9:30a.m.)
William Beeson, M.D., Secretary
(arrived at 8:45a.m.)
Navin Barot, M.D.
Thomas Akre, D.O.
Stephen Huddleston, J.D., Consumer Member

Members Absent: Bharat Barai, M.D.

Staff Present: Michael Rinebold, Board Director
Professional Licensing Agency
Jody Edens, Assistant Board Director
Professional Licensing Agency
James Schmitt, Deputy Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General

The Board voted to adopt the agenda and addendum as amended.

Huddleston/Barot, 4/0/0

The Board voted to adopt the minutes of the October 26, 2006 meeting.

Huddleston/Barot, 4/0/0

PROBATIONARY APPEARANCES

The physicians listed below did not appear for their scheduled probationary appearance:

Subrata Dey, M.D.

Janie Jones, M.D.

Michael Johnson, M.D.

The physicians listed below, appeared per their order and no other issues arose during the probationary appearance:

Glenn Ballengee, D.O.

Sally Booth, M.D.

John Bulger, M.D.

Gerald Gray, D. O.

David Hanes, D.O.

Stephen Matthews, M.D.

Jan Peterson, M.D.

Vance Raham, M.D.

Lawrence Rothstein, M.D.

Kevin Smith, P.A.

Arnaldo Trabucco, M.D.

Andrew Wyant, M.D.

Stephanie Sharpe, M.D. – Dr Sharp did not appear for her scheduled personal appearance. The Board received information from ISMA that Dr. Sharpe has had a second relapse within just a few months. After discussion the Board moved to issue an Order to Show Cause.

Huddleston/Akre, 4/0/0
(Dr's Beeson and Holt were not in attendance)

Shortly after the Board voted on the Order to Show Cause, Dr. Sharpe did appear for her scheduled personal appearance. She was late due to the inclement weather. Dr. Sharpe informed the Board that she will not be practicing for at least six (6) months to a year. With this information and speaking with Dr. Sharpe and Candace Backer the Board moved to VACATE the Order to Show Cause issued earlier.

Akre/Huddleston, 4/0/1, with Dr. Beeson abstaining

Bryan Smith, M.D. – Appeared before the Board for his personal appearance. After discussion, the Board moved to schedule a reinstatement hearing in March 2007.

CONSENSUS

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

INITIAL APPLICANTS

The following personal appearances were continued.

Peter Matel, M.D.

Edward Southern, M.D.

The following appeared before the Board for their scheduled personal appearances.

Joye Carter, M.D. – Dr. Carter appeared before the Board concerning a positive response on her initial application and was represented by counsel. Dr. Carter explained to the Board that in 2001 she met with the Texas Board for employing and unlicensed physician. The unlicensed physician performed autopsies, however he was under supervision at all times and did not sign any death certificates. Once she knew that he was not able to do this without a license she immediately stopped this activity. She was fined \$1,000 by the Texas Board. She has since obtained a license in Virginia and Tennessee.

Dr. Carter admitted that she has been contracted as a forensic pathologist consultant since 2003 and performed 25 autopsies in the last year.

After discussion the Board moved to GRANT her licensure.

Beeson/Huddleston, 5/0/0
(Dr. Holt was not in attendance for this matter)

Thomas Hinkamp, M.D. – Dr. Hinkamp appeared before the Board concerning a positive response on his initial application and was not represented by counsel. Dr. Hinkamp told the Board that he received a ninety (90) day suspension from the Hospital for patient safety issue. He is currently licensed in Illinois and Florida. After discussion the Board moved to TABLE his application for additional information.

The Board requests the following documents:

- Letter from the Hospital on Dr. Hinkamp's status with them
- Letter from IL State Board – are they investigating this matter

Beeson/Barot, 5/0/0
(Dr. Holt was not in attendance for this matter)

Eric Holt, M.D. – Dr. Holt appeared before the Board concerning a positive response on his initial application and was not represented by counsel. Dr. Holt told the Board that he was initially denied a license in Oklahoma based upon a NPDB entry. He was denied reappointment of staff privileges. He now has a current license in Oklahoma. The State of Alabama requested that he take the SPEX, he elected not to take it as he took a job in Oklahoma instead of Alabama. He is licensed in Pennsylvania, New York, Louisiana and Oklahoma. He does not have any malpractice actions and has kept up with his CME's. After discussion the Board moved to TABLE his application until he can prove competency. The Board gave several suggestions as to how he can prove his competency: (1) take boards in nephrology and the Board receives and reviews

the outcome of the exam; (2) obtain letter from the OK and LA Hospitals referencing his competency and any practice issues. This information can be reviewed by one Board member for approval once it has been received.

Beeson/Huddleston, 6/0/0

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Melinda J.J. Gruber, M.D., License No. 01045418A, Cause No. 2006 MLB 0009

Respondent did not appear in person and was represented by Beth Compton regarding a Settlement Agreement scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Elizabeth Kiefner, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge, with Andy Rutledge Reporting.

The agreement included a Letter of Reprimand and three (3) hours CE on use of narcotics. After much discussion the Board moved to TABLE the agreement Huddleston/Beeson, no vote. After further discussion joint counsel withdrew the settlement agreement. This hearing will be rescheduled.

Terri Lynn Savage, M.D., License No. 01059566A, Cause No. 2006 MLB 0039

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Final Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Elizabeth Kiefner, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge, with Andy Rutledge Reporting.

After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to issue a NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEFAULT.

Beeson/Huddleston, 6/0/0

The Board further moved to RENEW the SUMMARY SUSPENSION for a period of ninety (90) days.

Lankford, Huddleston, 6/0/0

Jill Marie Jacobs, M.D., License No. 01049466A, Cause No. 2002 MLB 0042

Respondent did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Petition to Reinstate scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Shelley Johnson, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge, with Andy Rutledge Reporting.

Dr. Jacobs' Indiana license was suspended by the Board in December 2002. Dr. Jacobs has now had her Kentucky license reinstated on Probation and is currently re-training in a residency program with the University of Louisville. She has a rotation in January 2007 at a hospital in southern Indiana. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to REINSTATE her license on PROBATION.

Her Indiana order will follow her Kentucky order and will also include Quarterly Supervision letters from her Program Director covering her performance and behavior. She may not have the probation lifted until her Kentucky license is fully reinstated and she may only practice in an Indiana residency program. She must comply with her Kentucky order and have all reports that Kentucky receives also sent to Indiana.

Lankford/Holt, 6/0/0

Debra Jean Heck, M.D., License No. 01041384A, Cause No. 2006 MLB 0034

Respondent did not appear in person and was represented by Michael Roth regarding a Final Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Elizabeth Kiefner, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge, with Andy Rutledge Reporting.

An agreement between the Respondent, her counsel and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Board by Elizabeth Kiefner, Deputy Attorney General. The agreement included a SUMMARY SUSPENSION for a period of ninety (90) days.

After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to ACCEPT the agreement.

Akre/Lankford, 6/0/0

Kent Alan Vanderberg, M.D., License No. 01041231A, Cause No. 2006 MLB 0041

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Petition for Summary Suspension scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Linda Batton, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge, with Andy Rutledge Reporting.

An agreement between the Respondent and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Board by Linda Batton, Deputy Attorney General. The agreement included an INDEFINITE SUMMARY SUSPENSION.

After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to ACCEPT the agreement.

Beeson/Holt, 6/0/0

James E. Ranochak, M.D., License No. 01026732A, Cause No. 96 MLB 0040

Respondent did appear in person and was represented by Tim Pay regarding his Petition to Terminate Probation scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Elizabeth Kiefner, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge, with Andy Rutledge Reporting. Dr. Charles Coates was sworn in as a witness for the Respondent.

Dr. Coates testified that he is the owner of Anthony Medical Associates where Dr. Ranochak is employed. He stated that Dr. Ranochak has worked for free at surrounding clinics and churches to help this very poor, underserved area. He indicated that Dr. Ranochak is very humble and is a good physician.

Dr. Ranochak informed the Board that he has complied with all terms of his Probation order nine (9) years ago. His original probation order states that he will never practice as a surgeon again. He stated that he voluntarily stopped practicing surgery in 1995 before being placed on probation. He stated that he will never perform surgery again for two reasons. First, he feels that surgery isn't for him, he really likes family practice and second he wouldn't be able to pass his boards due to the length of time it has been since he performed surgery.

After much discussion and having considered the evidence presented, testimony of the witness and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to LIFT the PROBATION on Dr. Ranochak's license. He will now have a full license.

Huddleston/Barot, 4/1/1, with Dr. Holt objecting and Dr. Beeson abstaining

Shashi Puttaswamy, M.D., License No. 01041820A, Cause No. 2006 MLB 0023

Respondent did not appear in person and was represented by James Brower regarding a Settlement Agreement scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Linda Batten, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge, with Andy Rutledge Reporting.

An agreement between the Respondent, her counsel and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Board by Linda Batten, Deputy Attorney General. The agreement included a LETTER OF REPRIMAND and a FINE of \$1,000.00. During discussion the Board requested that the Respondent and the Board member that was involved with the settlement be in attendance to answer questions the Board has before the can vote on the agreement.

After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to TABLE this matter until the Respondent and Dr. Barai were in attendance.

Leonard J. Green, M.D., License No. 01027059A, Cause No. 2003 MLB 0032

Let the record reflect that Dr. Beeson recused himself from this hearing.

Respondent did appear in person and was represented by David Jose regarding his Petition for Reinstatement scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Mark Mader, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge, with Andy Rutledge Reporting.

Dr. Green entered into an agreement with the Board that he wouldn't request reinstatement of his license for a period of one (1) year and nine (9) months due to his addiction problems in 2003. He went to treatment in Mississippi and chose to stay there. He currently has a five (5) year contract with Mississippi Professional Health Program (Mississippi's impaired physician program). He wants to do a residency program for family practice so that he can switch from Obstetrics/Gynecology to Family Practice. In 2004 he took and passed his Board certification OB/Gyn. He has 200 plus hours in CME's. He last worked as a Physician in July 2003 and his sobriety date is July 14, 2003. He is currently employed as a teacher at an inter-rule school in Mississippi.

After discussion and having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE PROBATION with the following terms and conditions:

- May not request withdrawal for a period of two (2) years
- Must sign a contract with ISMA
- Quarterly probationary visits with the Board
- Quarterly supervisory reports by an employing physician or a residency program director
- Addictionology evaluation specifically regarding his ability to practice unsupervised and/or supervised.
- Must take and pass the SPEX within four (4) months from the date of the order.

Lankford/Huddleston, 5/0/0
(Dr. Beeson recused himself)

Elmo Glenn Tucker, M.D., Initial Application, Cause No. 2006 MLB 0042

Respondent did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding the Appeal of his Application Denial scheduled before the Board. The State of

Indiana was not represented regarding this matter and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge, with Andy Rutledge Reporting.

Dr. Tucker's initial application was denied by the Board for falsely answering an application question. He answered all questions No, however information was submitted with his application that he was placed on probation during his residency. Dr. Tucker explained to the Board that he thought the questions only pertained to full licenses and that it was an error and not an attempt to deceive the Board. He discussed the probation with the Board. He is currently licensed in CT, ME, NY and has never had any discipline on his licenses, nor has he had a malpractice action.

After discussion and having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to CONTINUE this matter until the Doctor has obtained copies of his original applications and any available renewal applications from all states in which has obtained licensure in since 1993. The Board requested that he obtain this information within one hundred and twenty (120) days.

Beeson/Holt, 6/0/0

REVIEW OF INITIAL APPLICATIONS

The Board reviewed the positive response information on the following applicants and approved them for issuance:

Paul Collura, M.D.	Jeryl Fullen, M.D.	Bradford Haire, D.O.
Donald Blake, M.D.	Thomas Hughes, M.D.	Keivan Hossein, M.D.
Joseph Kolb, M.D.	William Koontz, M.D.	John Libby, M.D.
Eduard Michel, M.D.	Michael Minix, Jr., M.D.	Meyer Proler, M.D.
Pratibha Rastogi, M.D.	Jeffrey Rosen, M.D.	Eddie Sassoon, M.D.
Jacquelin Telesford, M.D.	Tricia Warner, M.D.	Brian Yuskevich, M.D.
Lawrence Zarian, M.D.		

The Board reviewed the positive response information on the following applicants and requested that they personally appear before the Board:

Thomas Bellinger, M.D.	Evan Eckart, M.D.	Esther Eisenstein, M.D.
Jafri Maqsood, M.D.	Krishnaswami Sriram, M.D.	
Craig Travis, M.D.	Francis Mathieu, M.D.	

The Board reviewed the positive response information on the following applicants and TABLED the applications pending further documentation
Michael Rosenberg, M.D. – Explanation on how he can live in Florida and practice in Maryland.

Venkata Sami, M.D. – Letter from training program explaining circumstances of event.

DISCUSSION

David Swankin, Citizen Advocacy Center – Presentation on the PREP Program
Mr. Swankin thanked the Board for allowing him to address the Board regarding the PREP Program. PREP stands for Practitioner Remediation Enhancement Partnership. It is a proactive patient safety program. All states that participate have their own individual program; PREP gives guidelines on establishing the program. They help each state set up the program.

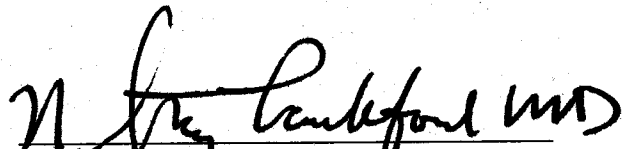
The key to developing a good program is to have cooperation with all that will be involved; such as the medical and hospital associations. He stated that states should be proactive with the press and clearly define that physician's will not be admitted to the program if they are clearly in need of discipline. PREP is a pre-discipline program not to be used in place of discipline.

The Board thanked Mr. Swankin for his time today to appear and deliver his presentation and to his dedication to patient safety

2007 Election of Officers – The following were presented as nominations:

- Worthe Holt, Jr., M.D. for President
- William Beeson, M.D. for Vice President
- Navin Barot, M.D. for Secretary
- Thomas Akre, D.O. for Delegate to the Federation
- William Beeson, M.D. for Board Designee

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.


N. Stacy Lankford., M.D. President

William Beeson, M.D., Secretary